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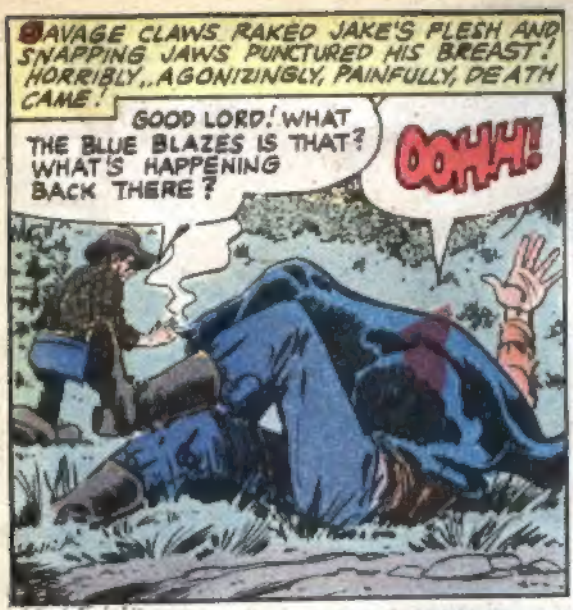
HURRY BACK NOW, DON'T GO WANDERING THROUGH THOSE SHADOWS! GOD ONLY KNOWS WHAT'S HIDING BACK THERE!
SIMMER DOWN! I AIN'T AFRAID! THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' BACK THERE!

THERE WAS SOMETHING BACK THERE IN THE SHADOWS! IT WAS SOMETHING UNHOLY, SOMETHING HIDEOUS, AND IT WAS HUNGRY!

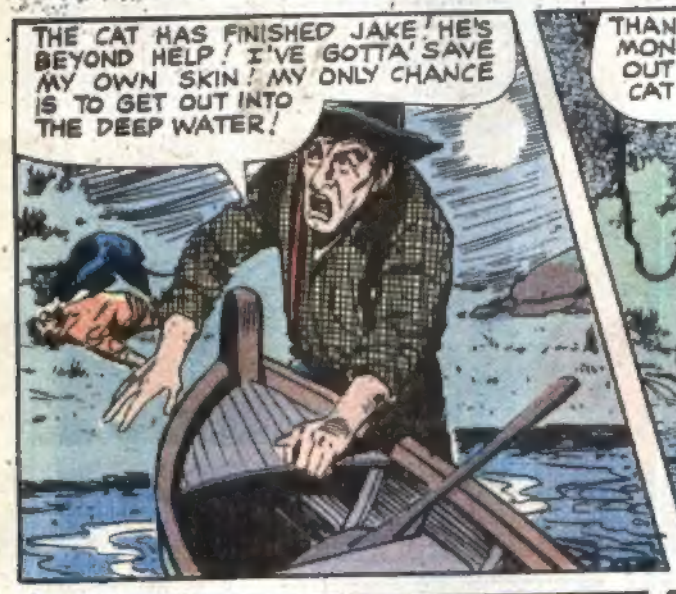
THERE! THAT SHOULD DO IT! THE FIRE WILL BURN BRIGHTLY NOW!! WHA..?
OH, MY GOD!

FANG AND CLAW MET FLESH AND SINEW AS THE SLEEK PANTHER LEAPED THROUGH THE SHADOWS AND CRASHED HEADLONG INTO ITS INTENDED VICTIM!
I-IT'S THE DEVIL CAT! HELP! HELP ME!
AHHIEE!

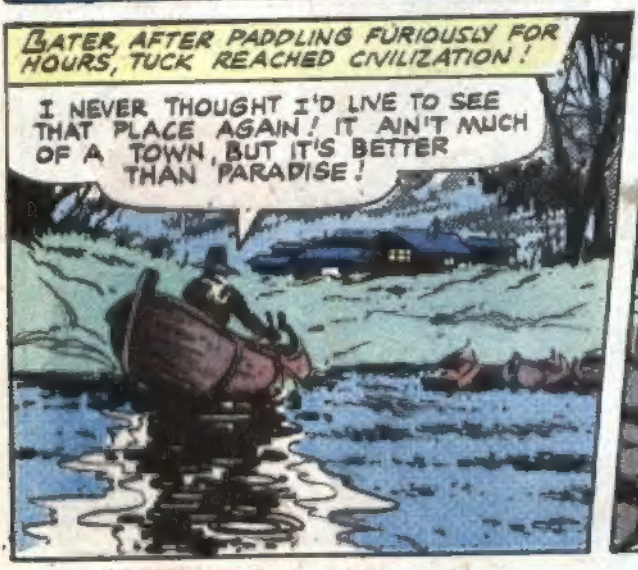
NOOOO!
GROOW


SAVAGE CLAWS RAKED JAKE'S FLESH AND SNAPPING JAWS PUNCTURED HIS BREAST! HORRIBLY, AGONIZINGLY, PAINFULLY, DEATH CAME!
GOOD LORD! WHAT THE BLUE BLAZES IS THAT? WHAT'S HAPPENING BACK THERE?
OOH!H!

I-IT'S THE BAYOU DEVIL CAT! IT'S GOT JAKE! HE DOESN'T HAVE A CHANCE! IT'LL BE AFTER ME NEXT!


THE CAT HAS FINISHED JAKE! HE'S BEYOND HELP! I'VE GOTTA SAVE MY OWN SKIN! MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO GET OUT INTO THE DEEP WATER!

THANK GOD, I MADE IT! THE MONSTER WON'T FOLLOW ME OUT HERE! EVEN THE DEVIL CAT IS AFRAID OF THE GATORS!


LATER, AFTER PADDLING FURIOUSLY FOR HOURS, TUCK REACHED CIVILIZATION!
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D LIVE TO SEE THAT PLACE AGAIN! IT AIN'T MUCH OF A TOWN, BUT IT'S BETTER THAN PARADISE!

THE FIRST THING I'D BETTER DO IS HIGH-TAIL-IT TO THE SHERIFF! I HAVE TO REPORT WHAT HAPPENED!

SHERIFF! MY GOD, SHERIFF, I GOTTA TALK TO YOU! THE DEVIL CAT, IT GOT JAKE PIPPS! JAKE IS DEAD!
HUH? WHAT'S THAT YOU SAY, BOY?
THE CAT KILLED HIM!
CALM DOWN, TUCK! CALM DOWN, BOY! NOW, WHAT'S THIS ABOUT THE DEVIL CAT? IS THAT MONSTER ON THE PROWL AGAIN?
IT SURE ENOUGH IS! IT WAS HORRIBLE! IT TORE OUT JAKE'S THROAT AND CHEWED HIM UP SOMETHING AWFUL! SOB!
LET'S HUNT DOWN THAT MONSTER! IT'LL KEEP ON KILLING UNLESS WE STOP IT! GET YOUR GUNS! MEET ME AT THE BEACH IN FIVE MINUTES!
RIDE WITH ME, TUCK! DIRECT ME TO THE SPOT WHERE THE CAT KILLED JAKE... LET'S GO, BOYS!
I'LL TAKE YOU THERE, SHERIFF, AND I'LL HELP YOU FIND THAT CAT IF I HAVE TO TRACK IT TO HELL AND BACK!
BY DAWN, THE MEN REACHED TUCK'S FORMER CAMPSITE!
THERE! THAT'S THE PLACE! THAT'S WHERE THE DEVIL CAT ATTACKED US AND THAT'S WHERE WE'LL FIND JAKE'S BODY!

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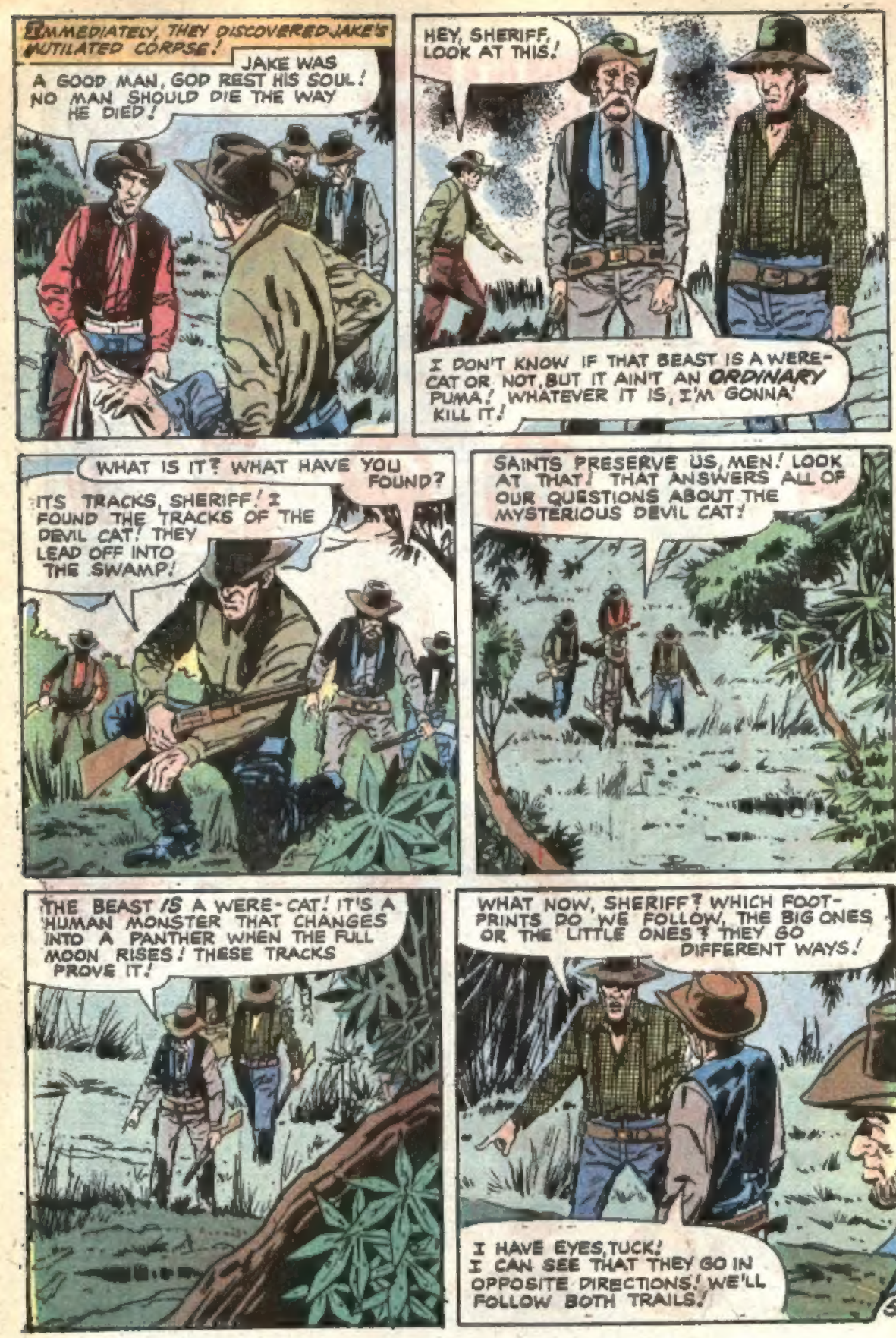
IMMEDIATELY, THEY DISCOVERED JAKE'S MUTILATED CORPSE!
JAKE WAS A GOOD MAN, GOD REST HIS SOUL! NO MAN SHOULD DIE THE WAY HE DIED!
HEY, SHERIFF, LOOK AT THIS!
I DON'T KNOW IF THAT BEAST IS A WERE-CAT OR NOT, BUT IT AIN'T AN ORDINARY PUMA! WHATEVER IT IS, I'M GONNA KILL IT!
WHAT IS IT? WHAT HAVE YOU FOUND?
ITS TRACKS, SHERIFF! I FOUND THE TRACKS OF THE DEVIL CAT! THEY LEAD OFF INTO THE SWAMP!
SAINTS PRESERVE US, MEN! LOOK AT THAT! THAT ANSWERS ALL OF OUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MYSTERIOUS DEVIL CAT!
THE BEAST IS A WERE-CAT! IT'S A HUMAN MONSTER THAT CHANGES INTO A PANTHER WHEN THE FULL MOON RISES! THESE TRACKS PROVE IT!
WHAT NOW, SHERIFF? WHICH FOOT-PRINTS DO WE FOLLOW, THE BIG ONES OR THE LITTLE ONES? THEY GO DIFFERENT WAYS!
I HAVE EYES, TUCK! I CAN SEE THAT THEY GO IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS! WE'LL FOLLOW BOTH TRAILS!

I'LL TAKE HALF OF THE MEN AND FOLLOW THE BIG TRACKS! YOU TAKE THE REST AND FOLLOW THE OTHER PRINTS!
RIGHT! I'LL CAPTURE WHOEVER I FIND AND MEET YOU BACK AT THE BEACH!
LET'S GET CRACKIN'! BRING BACK WHOEVER MADE THOSE TRACKS IF YOU HAVE TO KNOCK HIM COLD TO DO IT!
DON'T WORRY! WE'LL GET HIM, SHERIFF!
SEVERAL MILES UP THE TRAIL, THE SHERIFF'S MEN CORNERED THEIR QUARRY!
EASY, BOYS! NO SHOOTING! I'LL HANDLE THIS!
LOOK UP THERE! THE DEVIL CAT! LOOK WHO IT IS! IT'S COPPERHEAD, THE HALF BREED!
STAY CALM! WE'RE NOT SURE HE'S THE DEVIL CAT!
WHAT DO YOU WANT? WHO ARE YOU AND WHY DO YOU HUNT ME?
I'M THE SHERIFF! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST! COME ALONG AND DON'T TRY ANYTHING! I'VE A MYSTERY TO SOLVE AND YOU MIGHT BE THE SOLUTION!
I DO NOT UNDERSTAND BUT I SURRENDER! DON'T SHOOT! I'LL GO WITH YOU!

LATER, BACK AT THE BEACH.
WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME! IT TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH, TUCK! WE'VE BEEN WAITING HOURS!
SORRY SHERIFF, BUT WE FOLLOWED THOSE TRACKS UNTIL WE FOUND WHO MADE THEM! JUST LOOK WHO IT WAS!
I ALWAYS SUSPECTED THAT CAJUN WITCH GIRL OF BEING IN LEAGUE WITH LUCIFER! MARVA RAN LIKE A RABBIT WHEN SHE SAW US! WE HAD TO RUN HER DOWN!
IS THAT SO?
I KNOW ONE OF YOU TWO IS THE DEVIL CAT! I AIM TO FIND OUT WHICH ONE! WHICH OF YOU SWAMP TRAMPS IS GUILTY? SPEAK UP!
MARVA IS THE DEVIL CAT. EVERYONE KNOWS THAT THE CAJUN IS A WITCH!
NO! THE HALF-BREED IS LYING TO SAVE HIS OWN SKIN! COPPERHEAD IS THE WERE-CAT!
OKAY! WE'LL DO IT THE HARD WAY! WE'LL WAIT! WHEN THE FULL MOON RISES, WE'LL FIND OUT WHICH ONE IS THE DEVIL CAT!

KEEP THEM COVERED BOYS! THE MOON IS COMING UP! THE TRANSFORMATION SHOULD BEGIN SOON! START SHOOTING WHEN ONE OF THEM CHANGES INTO THE CAT! DON'T MISS!
GROWWLL
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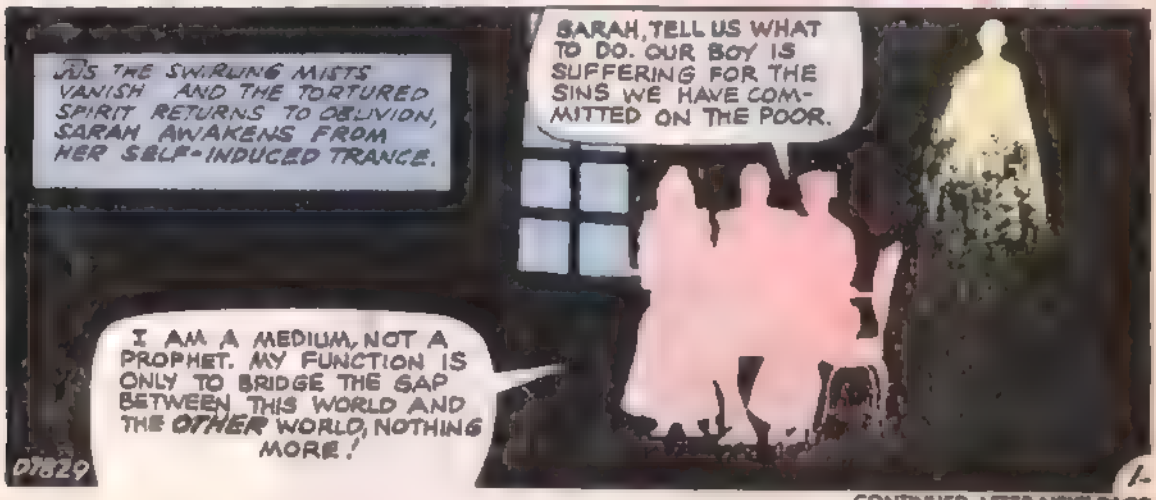
WHEN ONE OF THEM CHANGES INTO THE DEVIL CAT, FIRE AND DON'T MISS, THE SHERIFF HAD ORDERED! WHEN THE UNEXPECTED HAPPENED, THE MEN WERE TOO TERRIFIED TO SHOOT STRAIGHT!
GRAUUUU!!
- OH, MY GOD! THERE ARE TWO DEVIL CATS! IT WAS BOTH OF THEM!
STAY BACK! NOOo! AHHIEE!
GRRAL!
HELP ME! HELP ME! IIIEEAHH!
ONCE AGAIN, THE HUNTER BECAME THE HUNTED!
N-NO! STAY AWAY FROM ME! BACK OFF OR I'LL SHOOT!
YOU KILLED ALL OF MY MEN, BUT I'LL GET BOTH OF YOU! WHA? M-MY GUN IS EMPTY?
CLICK
CLICK
A SHRILL SCREAM ECHOED THROUGH THE STILL SHADOWS! IT WAS FOLLOWED BY THE TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, ETERNAL SILENCE OF DEATH! THE HUNT WAS OVER!
AHHIIEE!
GRRAULL!
END

MOTHER, FATHER, I AM BURNING! I AM IN TORMENT FOR ALL OF THE SINS WE HAVE COMMITTED AGAINST THE POOR PLEASE HELP TO RELIEVE MY ANGUISH! PLEASE!
MY DARLING CHILD. PAPA, WE MUST DO SOMETHING FOR CARL!
I KNOW, MAMA I KNOW!

SARAH LEECH'S MOTHER WAS A MEDIUM WHO HAD TAUGHT HER DAUGHTER ALL OF THE TRICKS OF THAT NEFARIOUS TRADE. SHE TAUGHT HER HOW TO PREY ON THE GULLIBILITY OF THOSE LONGING TO SPEAK WITH DECEASED LOVED ONES. "YOU WILL BECOME RICH," HER MOTHER SAID, "IF YOU'RE GOOD." SARAH WAS GOOD. VERY. VERY GOOD...

the HAPPY MEDIUM


AS THE SWIRLING MISTS VANISH AND THE TORTURED SPIRIT RETURNS TO OBLIVION, SARAH AWAKENS FROM HER SELF-INDUCED TRANCE.
SARAH, TELL US WHAT TO DO. OUR BOY IS SUFFERING FOR THE SINS WE HAVE COMMITTED ON THE POOR.
I AM A MEDIUM, NOT A PROPHET. MY FUNCTION IS ONLY TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THIS WORLD AND THE OTHER WORLD, NOTHING MORE!
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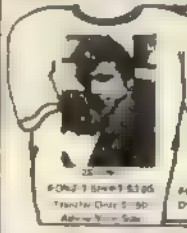

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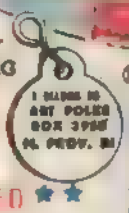

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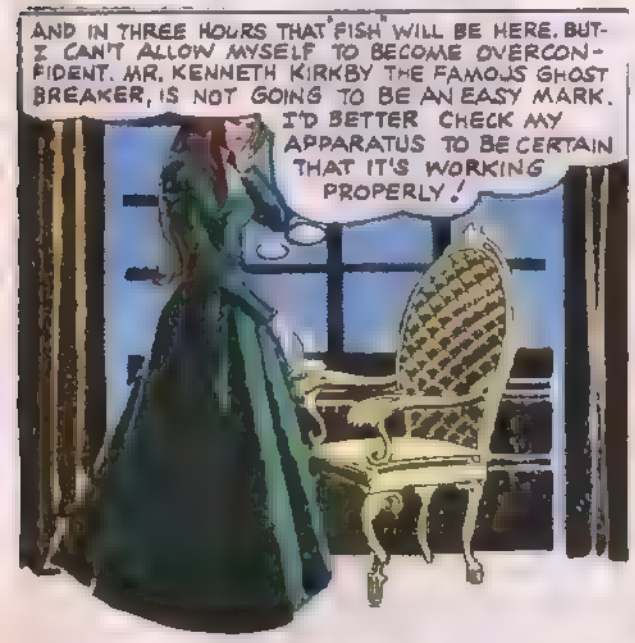
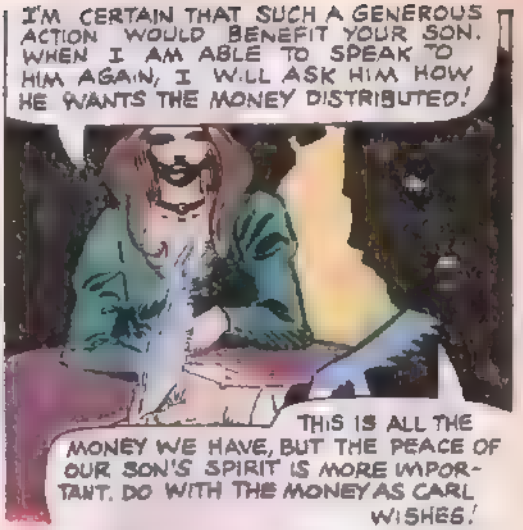
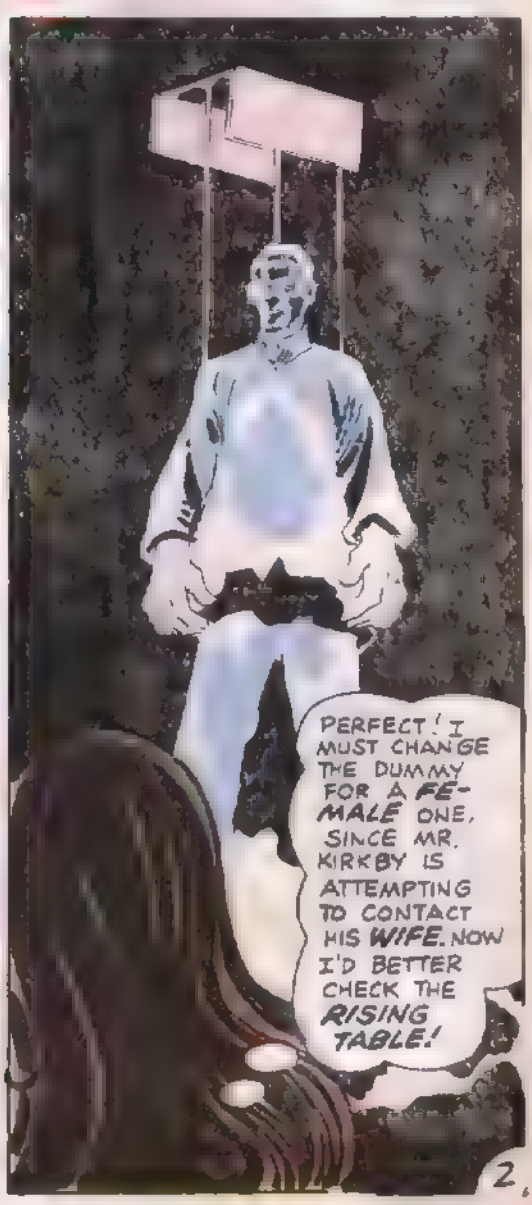
THAT MAY RELIEVE HIS PAIN. IS THAT THE SOLUTION, SARAH?

GOOD-BYE, MY DEAR, AND THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!
AND THANK YOU...
FOR ALL OF THIS LOVELY MONEY! ONE MORE FISH LIKE YOU AND I CAN RETIRE FROM THIS RACKET!


AND IN THREE HOURS THAT "FISH" WILL BE HERE. BUT- I CAN'T ALLOW MYSELF TO BECOME OVERCON- FIDENT. MR. KENNETH KIRKBY THE FAMOUS GHOST BREAKER, IS NOT GOING TO BE AN EASY MARK. I'D BETTER CHECK MY APPARATUS TO BE CERTAIN THAT IT'S WORKING PROPERLY!


I'M CERTAIN THAT SUCH A GENEROUS ACTION WOULD BENEFIT YOUR SON. WHEN I AM ABLE TO SPEAK TO HIM AGAIN, I WILL ASK HIM HOW HE WANTS THE MONEY DISTRIBUTED!
THIS IS ALL THE MONEY WE HAVE, BUT THE PEACE OF OUR SON'S SPIRIT IS MORE IMPOR- TANT. DO WITH THE MONEY AS CARL WISHES!


PERFECT! I MUST CHANGE THE DUMMY FOR A FE- MALE ONE, SINCE MR. KIRKBY IS ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT HIS WIFE. NOW I'D BETTER CHECK THE RISING TABLE!

WHEN SARAH ACTIVATED A SECOND SWITCH ON THE ARM OF HER CHAIR, SHE CAUSED AIR TO BE PUMPED INTO A GLASS BENEATH HER TABLE... WHICH CAUSED THE TABLE TO APPARENTLY FLOAT ABOVE THE GROUND.

THE GLASS PEDESTAL WILL BE INVISIBLE IN THE DARKNESS AND I'LL PLAY A RECORDING OF HIS WIFE'S VOICE TO COVER THE SOUND OF THE RUSHING AIR. NOW, THE CAMERA!

I ALREADY HAVE A GHOSTLY PHOTO OF MRS. KIRKBY IMPRINTED ON THE FILM

AT THE RIGHT MOMENT I'LL PHOTOGRAPH MR. KIRKBY AND HAVE POSITIVE **PROOF** THAT THE GHOST OF HIS WIFE WAS IN THIS ROOM!

HURRY! I MUST BE HOME IN A FEW HOURS!

SARAH MADE ALL OF HER ADJUSTMENTS WITH METICULOUS CARE...

FOR THE FINAL TOUCH, I SHALL HAVE TO PROCURE THE VERY RING WHICH WAS **BURIED** WITH MRS. KIRKBY'S CORPSE. AND I KNOW WHERE TO OBTAIN IT.

IN ORDER TO POSSESS THE RING IT ONLY COST A FEW DOLLARS PRESSED INTO THE GREEDY PALM OF A CORRUPT GRAVEDIGGER.

IT WAS A STROKE OF LUCK THAT I DISCOVERED THAT MRS. KIRKBY GREW UP IN THIS TOWN AND HAD REQUESTED TO BE BURIED HERE!

I'M SHOVELIN' AS FAS' AS I CAN, LADY. HEY, I JUST STRUCK THE TOP OF THE COFFIN!

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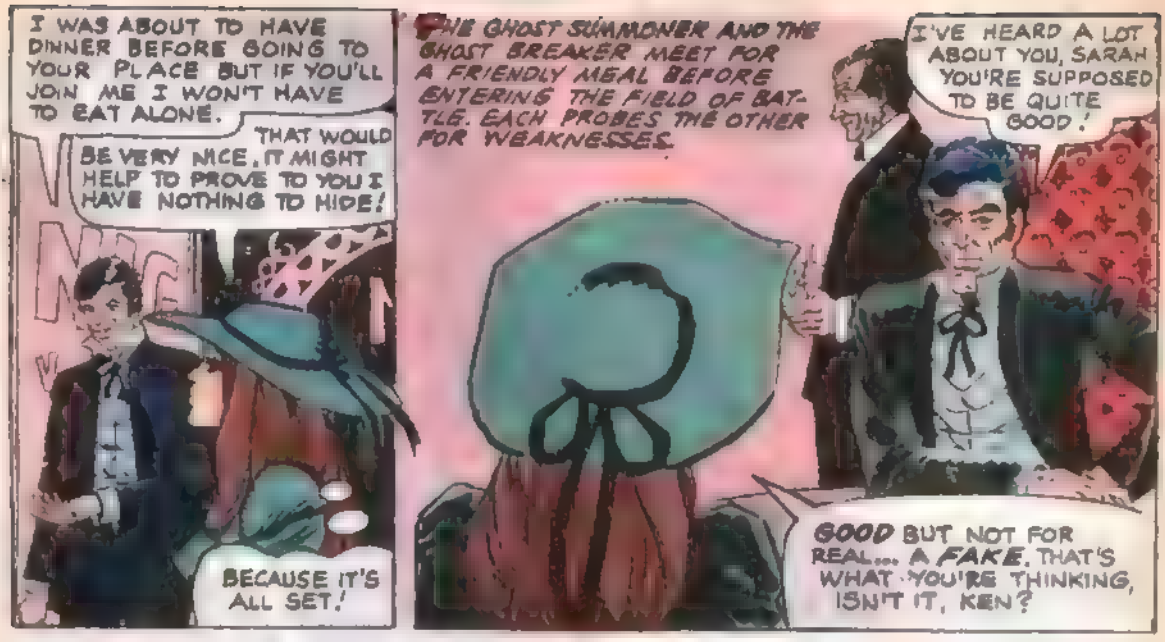
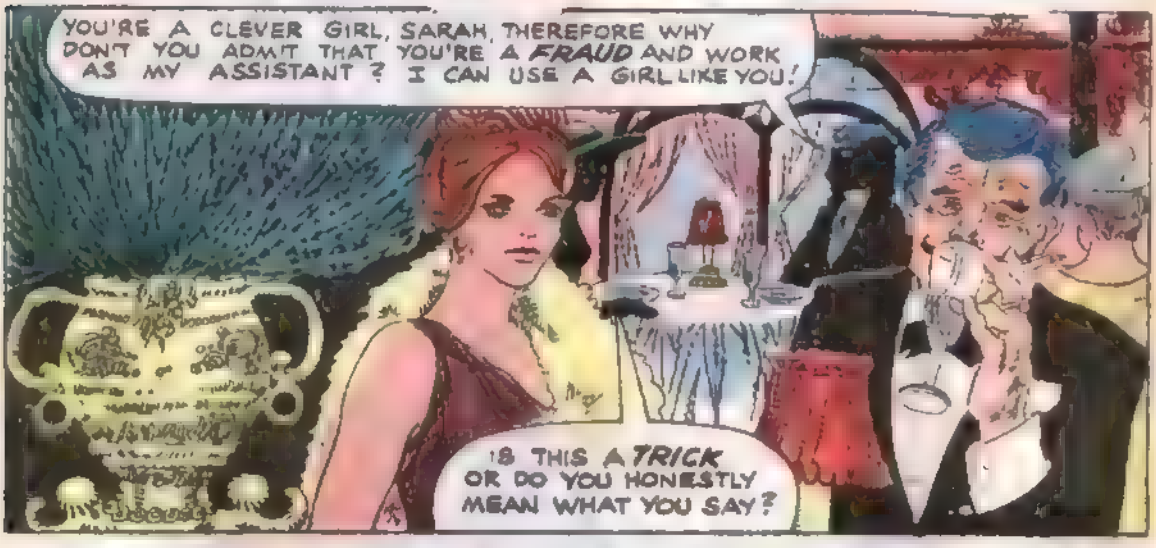
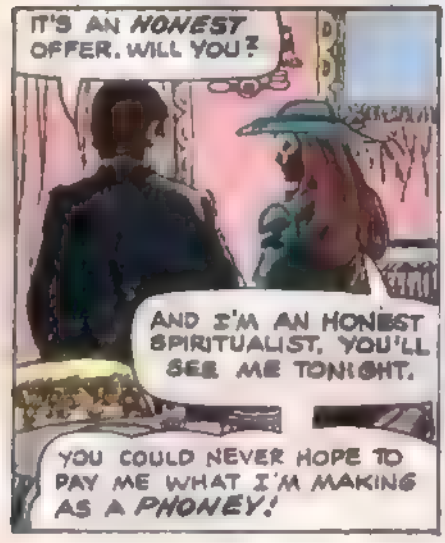
THIS IS A MIGHTY EXPENSIVE RING, MISS SARAH. I'M AFRAID THAT IT'S GOING TO COST YOU MORE THAN YOU'VE ALREADY PAID ME!
I EXPECTED THAT YOU WOULD SAY THAT, BUT YOU'RE WRONG. IT'S NOT GOING TO COST ME A THING!

THE THINGS A GIRL HAS TO DO TO GET AHEAD IN LIFE. IT WILL ALL BE WORTH IT AFTER TONIGHT BECAUSE I'LL HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO SET UP A DECENT BUSINESS AND LIVE RESPECTABLY...

LATER, WALKING THROUGH TOWN...


I WAS ABOUT TO HAVE DINNER BEFORE GOING TO YOUR PLACE BUT IF YOU'LL JOIN ME I WON'T HAVE TO EAT ALONE.
THAT WOULD BE VERY NICE. IT MIGHT HELP TO PROVE TO YOU I HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE!
BECAUSE IT'S ALL SET!
THE GHOST SUMMONER AND THE GHOST BREAKER MEET FOR A FRIENDLY MEAL BEFORE ENTERING THE FIELD OF BATTLE. EACH PROBES THE OTHER FOR WEAKNESSES.
I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU, SARAH. YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE QUITE GOOD!
GOOD BUT NOT FOR REAL... A FAKE. THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, ISN'T IT, KEN?


YOU'RE A CLEVER GIRL, SARAH. THEREFORE WHY DON'T YOU ADMIT THAT YOU'RE A FRAUD AND WORK AS MY ASSISTANT? I CAN USE A GIRL LIKE YOU!
IS THIS A TRICK OR DO YOU HONESTLY MEAN WHAT YOU SAY?


IT'S AN HONEST OFFER. WILL YOU?
AND I'M AN HONEST SPIRITUALIST. YOU'LL SEE ME TONIGHT.
YOU COULD NEVER HOPE TO PAY ME WHAT I'M MAKING AS A PHONEY!

THE SEANCE WAS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. THE MACHINES WERE OILED AND THE MECHANIC HAD HER FINGERS ON THE SWITCHES.
LARA KIRKBY!
YOUR HUSBAND WISHES TO HAVE AN AUDIENCE WITH YOU. ALLOW THE BONDS OF YOUR LOVE TO BRIDGE THE WATERS THAT FLOW BETWEEN OUR TWO WORLDS!

SARAH GAVE A VIRTUOSO PERFORMANCE THAT NIGHT, COMBINING ALL THE SKILLS OF HER CRAFT WITH UNFAILING TIMING. SHE STARTLED AND ASTOUNDED KIRKBY INTO BREATHLESS ADMIRATION.
IT'S OVER! DID I SUCCEED? DID YOU SPEAK WITH YOUR WIFE?
YES, SARAH, AND YOU'VE CONVINCED ME THAT YOU ARE TRULY A SPIRITUALIST. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT BECAUSE OF IT YOU MUST DIE!
YOU SEE, I MURDERED MY WIFE AND SHE SWORE, JUST BEFORE SHE DIED, THAT SHE WOULD RETURN AND TELL THE WORLD WHAT I DID. THAT'S WHY I BEGAN THIS CRUSADE TO FIND GENUINE SPIRITUALISTS...
TO STOP THEM FROM BRINGING LARA INTO THIS WORLD. NOW THAT I KNOW THAT YOU ARE CAPABLE, I MUST STOP YOU!
BLAM!
NO! DON'T! I'M NOT... AAUU!!
KIRKBY HAD SENT THE SPIRITUALIST INTO THE SPIRIT WORLD BUT BEFORE HER PASSING WAS COMPLETE SARAH COMPLETED ONE LAST LIVING ACT. SHE TRIPPED THE STRING WHICH CAUSED THE... HIDDEN CAMERA TO PHOTOGRAPH HER MURDERER!
END

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Trudy and George Butler kept their chins up even though the war, the terrible, horrible, world war had broken up their happy home.

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Trudy and George did more than their share. They contributed something very important to the war cause. They gave the Marines their only son, Ronnie.

When Ronnie came home with the enlistment papers for them to sign, they wanted to refuse to give him their consent.

Ronnie was their whole life. Their worlds revolved around him. He was the warmth, the light, the brightness of their existence. He was all that they loved in the world and he was only sixteen.

"I want to go, Dad," Ronnie explained to his father as he handed him a pen. "I have to do my part! You have to let me go, Dad!" he declared. "Do you understand?"

Sadly, George Butler nodded as he scribbled his name on the enlistment papers. Tears swelled up in his eyes as he passed the paper and pen to his wife, Trudy.

Reluctantly, she wrote her name below her husband's signature.

"Don't worry about me, Mom and Dad," said Ronnie as he kissed them. "I'll be all right! I'll come home safe and sound! I'll be back before you miss me," he promised.

All of that seemed like it happened ages ago. Now, Ronnie was somewhere out in the South Pacific. Only God and the Big Brass knew his exact location. For over a year, George and Trudy hadn't seen him. They hadn't heard from him. They didn't even know if he was dead or alive.

"Tomorrow, is Ronnie's birthday," sighed Trudy as she stared at the flickering flames of the fireplace. "In the old days, I used to bake a cake and we'd have a party to celebrate the occasion!"

George glanced at his wife and saw streams of tears trickling down her cheeks.

"He's all right!" George assured her as he took her into his arms. "He promised us that he'd come home. Say! I have an idea! Why don't we have a birthday party for Ronnie just like we used to do? Maybe it'll cheer us up," George stated.

Trudy smiled, nodded and dried her eyes. "Okay! I'll bake a cake and you can pick up some ice cream on your way home from work!"

"It's all settled," said George as he cuddled his wife in his arms. "Tomorrow we'll celebrate our son's birthday just like we used to do!"

The next afternoon, George came home with a quart of ice cream just like he'd promised. When he stepped into the house, he discovered that his wife was bubbling with excitement.

"George, he's home!" Trudy exclaimed. "He can only stay until tonight, but he came home just in time for his party."

"Who's home?" asked George in a puzzled tone.

"Corporal Ronald Butler, U.S.M.C. is home!" shouted Ronnie as he jumped through the kitchen doorway into the living room.

Mother, father and son hugged each other and wept in joy. It was the best birthday in the world.

Unfortunately, the curtain of darkness came quickly and Ronnie had to report back to his unit.

"I kept my promise!" he told his parents as he said good-bye to them on the doorstep. "Don't forget that I kept my promise! I came home!" he called as he walked down the path. Instantly, he was swallowed up by the black shadows.

"It was a short visit, but at least we know that he's safe and sound," said George as he hugged his wife. "It's late. Let's get some sleep!"

The next morning, they were awakened by the sound of the doorbell. George dashed downstairs and rushed toward the door. Could it be Ronnie? Did he forget something? By some stroke of luck was his furlough extended?

The sight of the strange man standing on the doorstep chilled George to the bone. George's hand trembled as he reached for the telegram the stranger was holding. It was from the war department.

Trudy came downstairs just as George closed the door and tore open the envelope.

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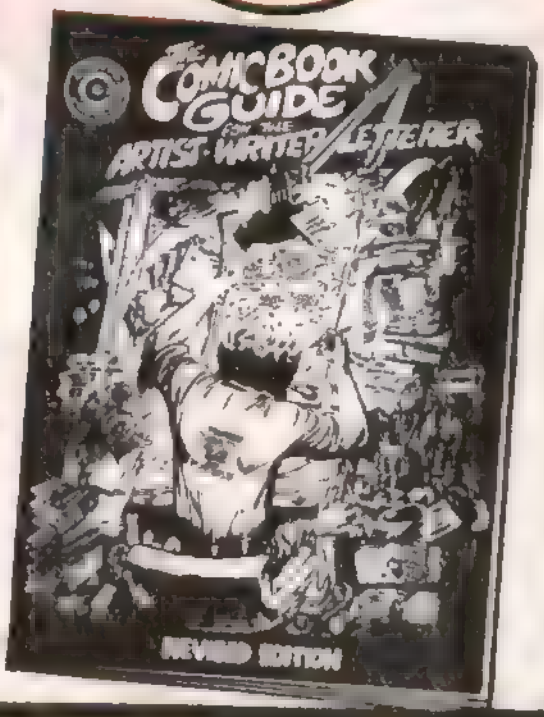

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the CREEP!

OH, BETTY-LOU, I WISH THAT YOU WEREN'T SO BUSY GETTING READY FOR YOUR DATE. THESE CHILDREN'S COSTUMES ARE ADORABLE, ESPECIALLY THE ONE ON THE *BIG FELLOW* IN THE REAR.

TRICK-OR-TREAT!

SOME MORE ALREADY? THEY'RE OUT IN FULL FORCE TONIGHT, BUT I DO SUSPECT THAT A FEW OF THEM ARE CHANGING THEIR MASKS AND COMING BACK FOR *SECONDS*. I'LL HAVE TO WATCH FOR THAT.

RRIIING!

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YOU WERE JUST HERE. I REMEMBER YOU. YOU HAVE A VERY NICE COSTUME, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU SHOULD GET TWICE AS MUCH AS EVERYONE ELSE.

I'M NOT A TRICK-OR-TREATER, MRS. WILKIE. I'M BETTY-LOU'S *DATE, HERBIE.*

HERBIE'S WALK COULD HARDLY BE DESCRIBED AS A STRUT OR PROUD GAIT. IT WAS MORE LIKE A DUCK'S WADDLE.
YOU'RE BETTY-LOU'S [GASP!] DATE? BUT SHE ISN'T READY YET!
THAT'S ALRIGHT, MRS. WILKIE, I DON'T MIND WAITING FOR HER. BETTY-LOU IS WORTH THE WAIT!
FOR LONG TENSE MOMENTS HERBIE SAT SILENTLY NEAR BETTY LOU'S FATHER WHILE HE OVERHEARD THE ARGUMENT BETWEEN BETTY-LOU AND HER MOTHER.
YOU KNOW, BOY, BETTY-LOU IS A FINE GIRL. AS A CHILD, SHE WAS KIND TO ANIMALS.. ALWAYS BRINGING HOME STRAY PUPPIES OR TOADS... ER...
YES, SIR. I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN!
DID YOU MEET BETTY-LOU IN SCHOOL? THAT IS, I ASSUME THAT YOU GO TO THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL AS BETTY-LOU. YOU KNOW, BOY, BETTY-LOU IS TRYING TO JOIN A SORORITY.
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT, SIR, I...
PAY NO ATTENTION TO HIM. AH, HERE COMES BETTY-LOU.
I'M READY TO GO, HERBIE!
NO, SHE'S NOT!
SHE'S ONLY DATING HIM IN ORDER TO JOIN THAT SORORITY AND I WON'T HAVE HER GOING OUT WITH THAT..."THAT CREEP!
I HAVE TO DATE HIM, MOM, OR THEY WON'T LET ME JOIN. IT'S JUST A SORORITY STUNT!
STUNT?!
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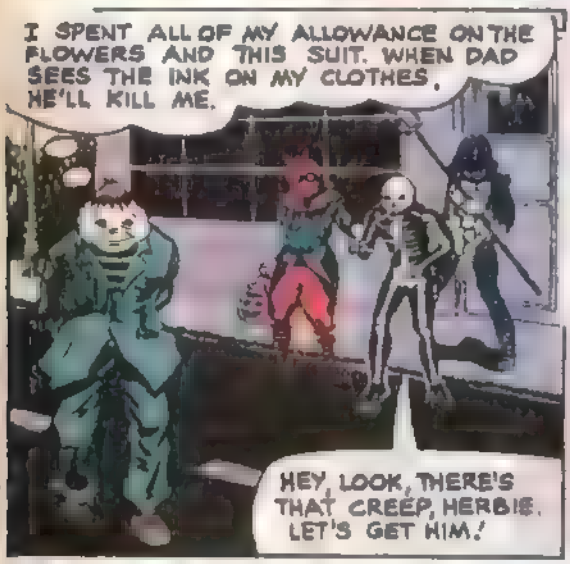
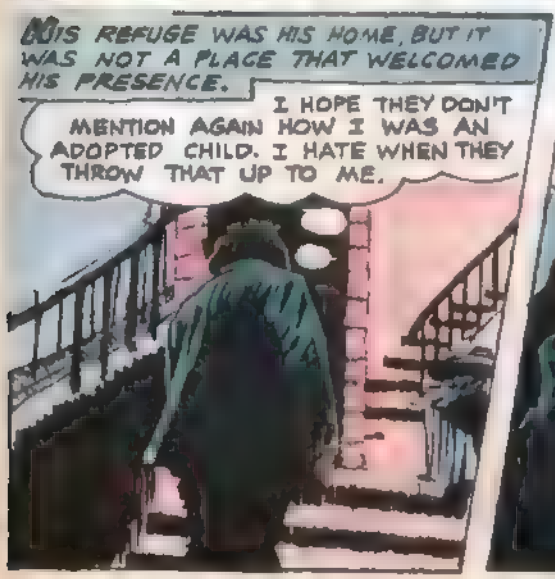
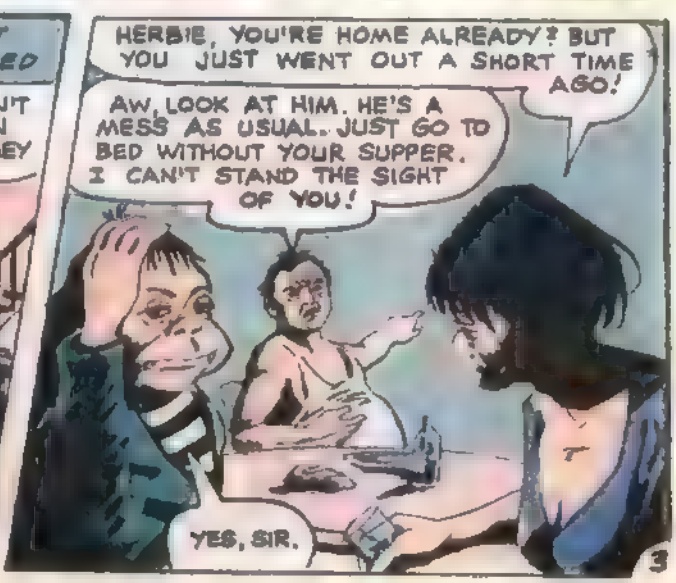
I DON'T CARE WHAT THE REASON IS, SHE'S NOT GOING OUT WITH HIM.
YOU'RE RUINING EVERYTHING, MOTHER!

STUNT. I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT.

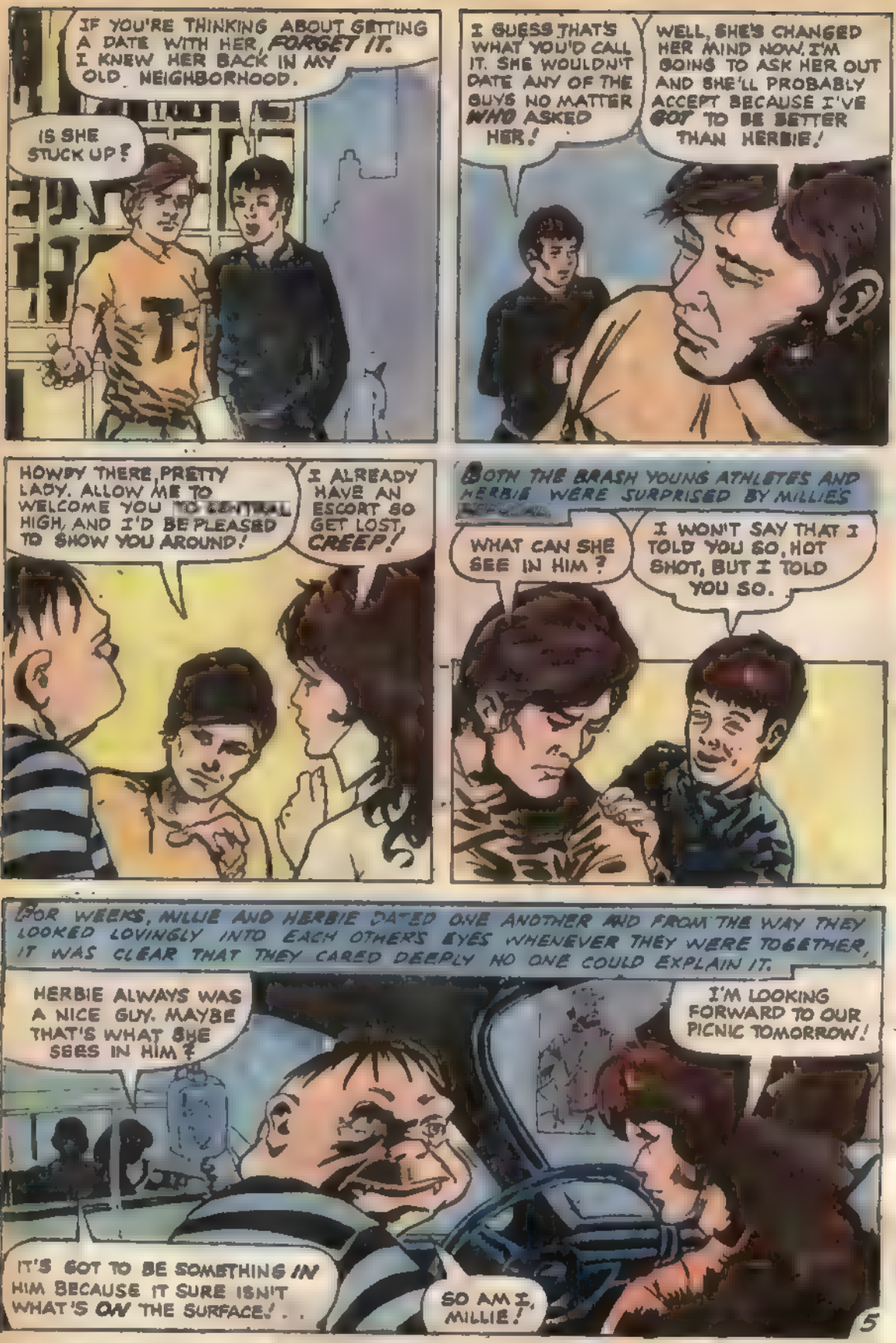

I SPENT ALL OF MY ALLOWANCE ON THE FLOWERS AND THIS SUIT. WHEN DAD SEES THE INK ON MY CLOTHES, HE'LL KILL ME.
HEY, LOOK, THERE'S THAT CREEP, HERBIE. LET'S GET HIM!

HERBIE RECOGNIZED THE GANG THAT ATTACKED HIM, DESPITE THEIR COSTUMES. THEY HAD TORMENTED HIM MANY TIMES BEFORE.
GO ON RUN, YA CREEP!
PLOP
PLOP!


HIS REFUGE WAS HIS HOME, BUT IT WAS NOT A PLACE THAT WELCOMED HIS PRESENCE.
I HOPE THEY DON'T MENTION AGAIN HOW I WAS AN ADOPTED CHILD. I HATE WHEN THEY THROW THAT UP TO ME.


HERBIE, YOU'RE HOME ALREADY? BUT YOU JUST WENT OUT A SHORT TIME AGO!
AW, LOOK AT HIM. HE'S A MESS AS USUAL. JUST GO TO BED WITHOUT YOUR SUPPER. I CAN'T STAND THE SIGHT OF YOU!
YES, SIR.

WE TOOK THE KID IN 'CAUSE WE FELT SORRY FOR HIM. BUT THERE'S A LIMIT...HERBIE IS A FREAK.
HOW DID I KNOW HE'D GROW UP TO BE SO UGLY!
EVERY WORD THEY SPOKE CUT INTO HERBIE'S HEART LIKE A BARBED NEEDLE. THEY HAD FORGOTTEN THAT BENEATH HIS MISSHAPEN FORM, HE DID HAVE A HEART... BUT IT WAS BLEEDING NOW!
I'D RUN AWAY, BUT FROM WHAT? MY TROUBLES ARE ATTACHED TO ME.
HERBIE BEGAN ANOTHER ANGUISHED DAY FILLED WITH THE JEERS AND TAUNTS THAT HAD BECOME A SO FAMILIAR PART OF HIS LIFE.
YOO-HOO! COULD YOU HELP ME, PLEASE. I'M LOOKING FOR CENTRAL HIGH. I'VE JUST MOVED IN AND I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE IT IS!
THE GANG IS ALWAYS WAITING FOR ME ON CENTRAL AVENUE AND MILL ROAD. IF I TAKE WOODLAND PLACE, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO AVOID THEM!
HE DIDN'T SEE OR HEAR THE MOVING VAN DRIVE UP TO THE HOUSE LAST NIGHT...
YOU WANT ME TO SHOW YOU WHERE IT IS? YOU DON'T MIND BEING SEEN WITH ME?
WHY SHOULD IT BOTHER ME? MY NAME IS MILLICENT SHARPE, BUT CALL ME MILLIE.
HERBIE WALKED PROUDLY DOWN CENTRAL AVENUE, NOT CARING IF THE GANG SAW HIM OR NOT.
WILL YOU LOOK AT THE LITTLE CREEP!
THE HECK WITH HERBIE. WHO'S THAT TOGETHER CHICK WITH HIM?


IF YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT GETTING A DATE WITH HER, FORGET IT. I KNEW HER BACK IN MY OLD NEIGHBORHOOD.
IS SHE STUCK UP?
I GUESS THAT'S WHAT YOU'D CALL IT. SHE WOULDN'T DATE ANY OF THE GUYS NO MATTER WHO ASKED HER!
WELL, SHE'S CHANGED HER MIND NOW. I'M GOING TO ASK HER OUT AND SHE'LL PROBABLY ACCEPT BECAUSE I'VE GOT TO BE BETTER THAN HERBIE!
HOWDY THERE, PRETTY LADY. ALLOW ME TO WELCOME YOU TO CENTRAL HIGH, AND I'D BE PLEASED TO SHOW YOU AROUND!
I ALREADY HAVE AN ESCORT SO GET LOST, CREEP!
BOTH THE BRASH YOUNG ATHLETES AND HERBIE WERE SURPRISED BY MILLIE'S REFUSAL.
WHAT CAN SHE SEE IN HIM?
I WON'T SAY THAT I TOLD YOU SO, HOT SHOT, BUT I TOLD YOU SO.
FOR WEEKS, MILLIE AND HERBIE DATED ONE ANOTHER AND FROM THE WAY THEY LOOKED LOVINGLY INTO EACH OTHER'S EYES WHENEVER THEY WERE TOGETHER, IT WAS CLEAR THAT THEY CARED DEEPLY NO ONE COULD EXPLAIN IT.
HERBIE ALWAYS WAS A NICE GUY. MAYBE THAT'S WHAT SHE SEES IN HIM?
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR PICNIC TOMORROW!
IT'S GOT TO BE SOMETHING IN HIM BECAUSE IT SURE ISN'T WHAT'S ON THE SURFACE! . .
SO AM I, MILLIE!

THE DAY OF THEIR PICNIC BEGAN BRIGHT AND WARM, BUT DULL GRAY RAINCLOUDS SLOWLY STARTED TO GATHER.
I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THOSE CLOUDS, MILLIE. THEY COULD BRING RAIN!
I HOPE NOT, HERBIE. IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE I'VE BEEN ON A PICNIC AND I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO SPOIL IT!
I'M AFRAID THE FATES ARE AGAINST US TODAY!
MAYBE IT'S ONLY A QUICK SHOWER. IF WE CAN FIND SOMEWHERE TO KEEP OUT OF THE RAIN UNTIL IT STOPS, THEN THE WHOLE DAY WON'T BE RUINED.
THE ONLY SHELTER IN SIGHT WAS THE OLD HOUSE. HERBIE HESITATED, FOR THE OLD PLACE HAD A FAMILIARITY ABOUT IT THAT HE COULD NOT EXPLAIN.
THERE! LET'S WAIT IN THERE!
WHY DO I SEEM TO RECOGNIZE IT? I'VE NEVER BEEN HERE BEFORE.
THE PLACE IS A HOVEL OF FILTH. I'LL TAKE YOU SOMEWHERE ELSE.
THERE'S NOWHERE ELSE TO GO IN THIS STORM, HONEY, AND AT LEAST HERE WE CAN BE BY OURSELVES.
BUT THEY WERE NOT TO CONTINUE THEIR PICNIC ALONE, FOR CREATURES WITH GNARLED HANDS AND FEET WATCHED THEM FROM HIDDEN PLACES AND YELLOW EYES PEERED AT THEM FROM THE DARK CORNERS.
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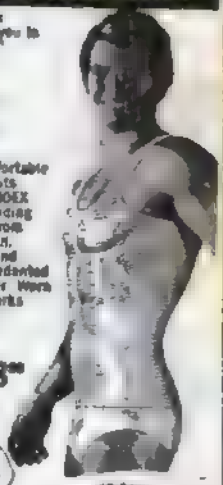

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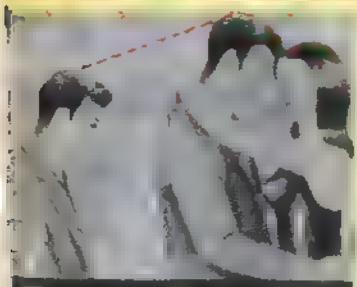

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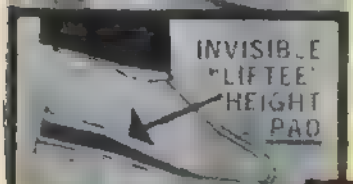

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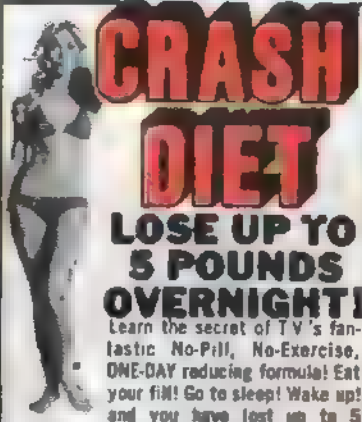

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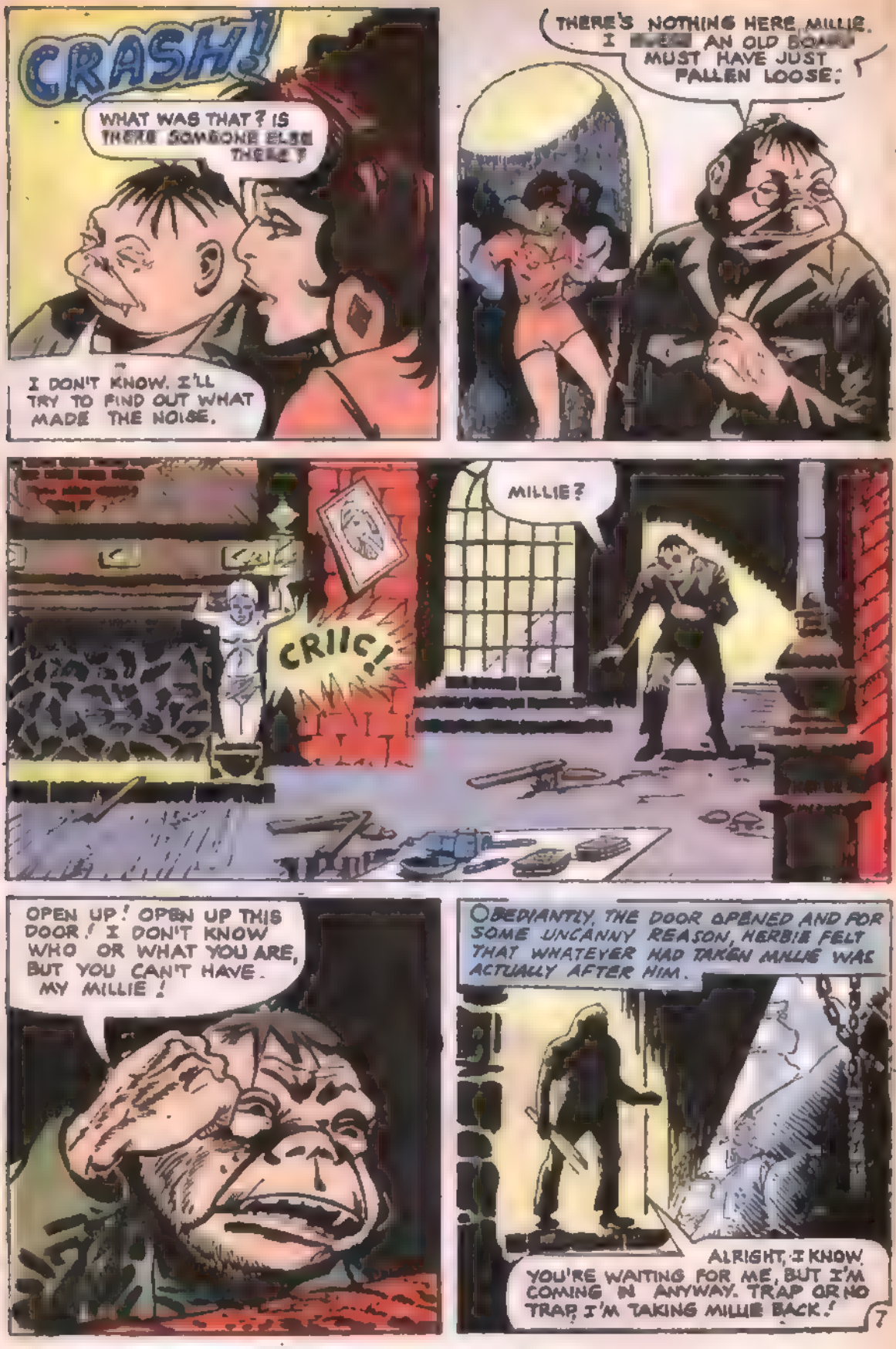
CRASH!
WHAT WAS THAT? IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE THERE?
I DON'T KNOW. I'LL TRY TO FIND OUT WHAT MADE THE NOISE.
THERE'S NOTHING HERE MILLIE. I GUESS AN OLD BOARD MUST HAVE JUST FALLEN LOOSE.
MILLIE?
CRIIC!
OPEN UP! OPEN UP THIS DOOR! I DON'T KNOW WHO OR WHAT YOU ARE, BUT YOU CAN'T HAVE MY MILLIE!
OBEDIANTLY, THE DOOR OPENED AND FOR SOME UNCANNY REASON, HERBIE FELT THAT WHATEVER HAD TAKEN MILLIE WAS ACTUALLY AFTER HIM.
ALRIGHT, I KNOW YOU'RE WAITING FOR ME, BUT I'M COMING IN ANYWAY. TRAP OR NO TRAP, I'M TAKING MILLIE BACK!
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CAUTIOUSLY, HERBIE MADE HIS WAY DOWN THE STONE STEPS.
YOU WON'T NEED THAT CLUB, HERBIE. WE AREN'T GOING TO HARM YOU.
YOU KNOW ME? YOU KNOW MY NAME?
OF COURSE WE DO. THIS IS YOUR HOME, YOUR TRUE HOME. YEARS AGO, AS AN INFANT, YOU WANDERED AWAY FROM US, BUT AT LAST WE WERE ABLE TO TRACK YOU DOWN AND MILLIE LURED YOU HERE. AS YOU CAN SEE, YOU ARE ONE OF US. YOU, HERBIE, ARE A TROLL.
A TROLL. BUT WHY WOULD MILLIE HELP YOU? SHE ISN'T A TROLL.
YES, SHE IS. ALTHOUGH TROLL MEN ARE UGLY, TROLL WOMEN ARE BEAUTIFUL. THEY DON'T SEEM TO MIND IT, THOUGH!
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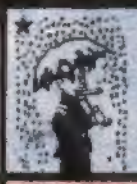

Put on end of a lit cigarette. Watch "snow" magically fill the room. Looks so strange and funny, you'll burst out laughing at your friend. 12 tablets in package for **50¢**

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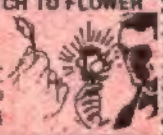
VANISHING THIMBLE

Poof! At your command it disappears, then appears. **35¢**

MATCH TO FLOWER



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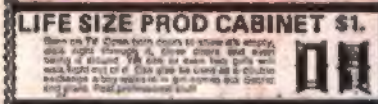

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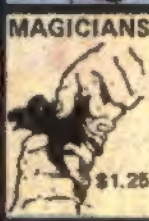

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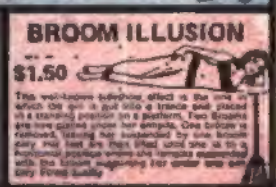

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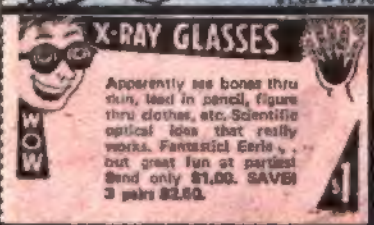

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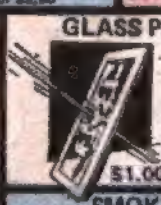

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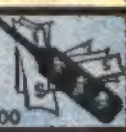

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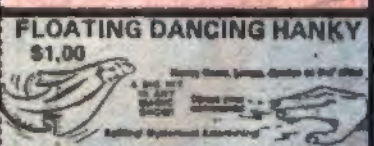

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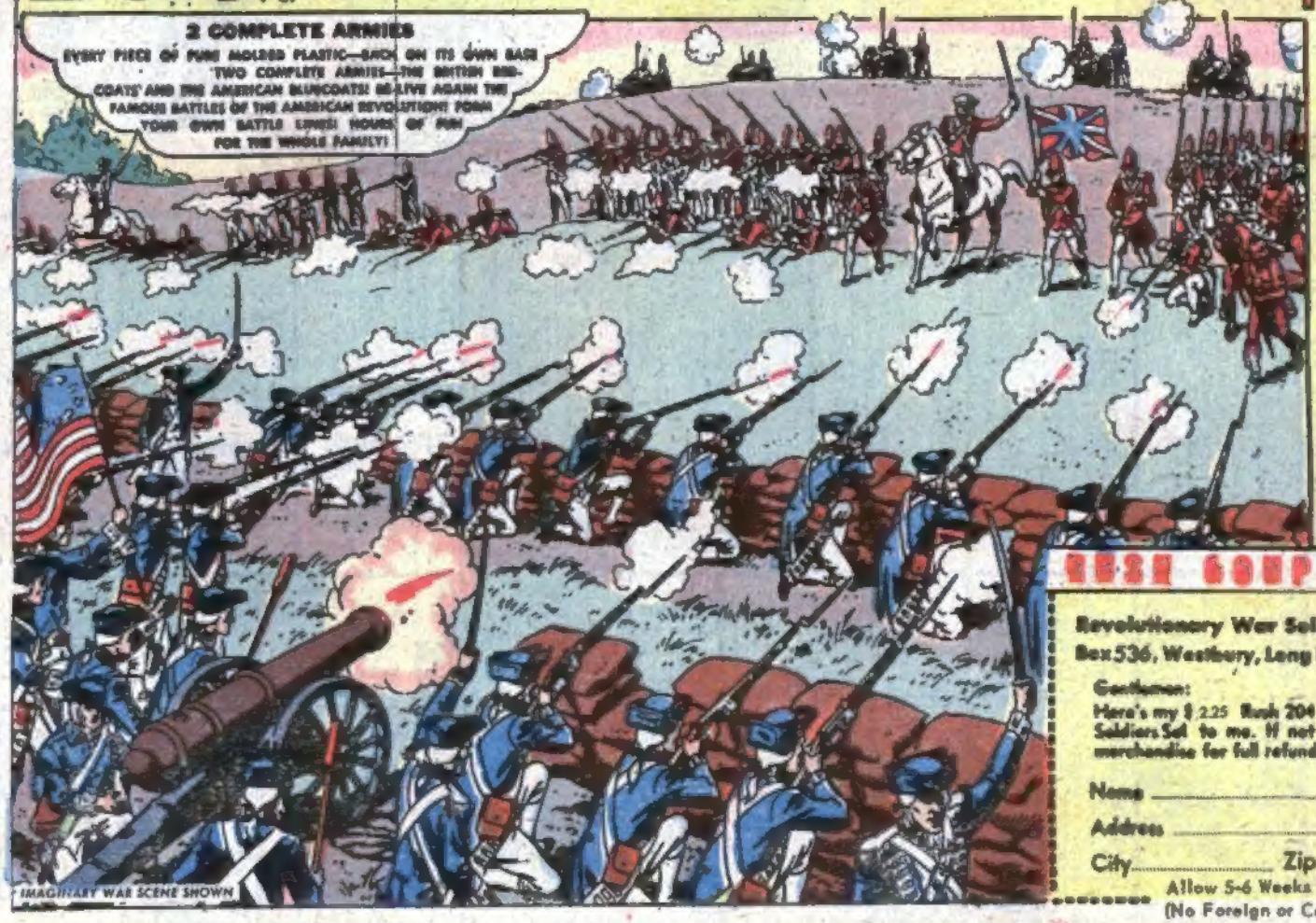

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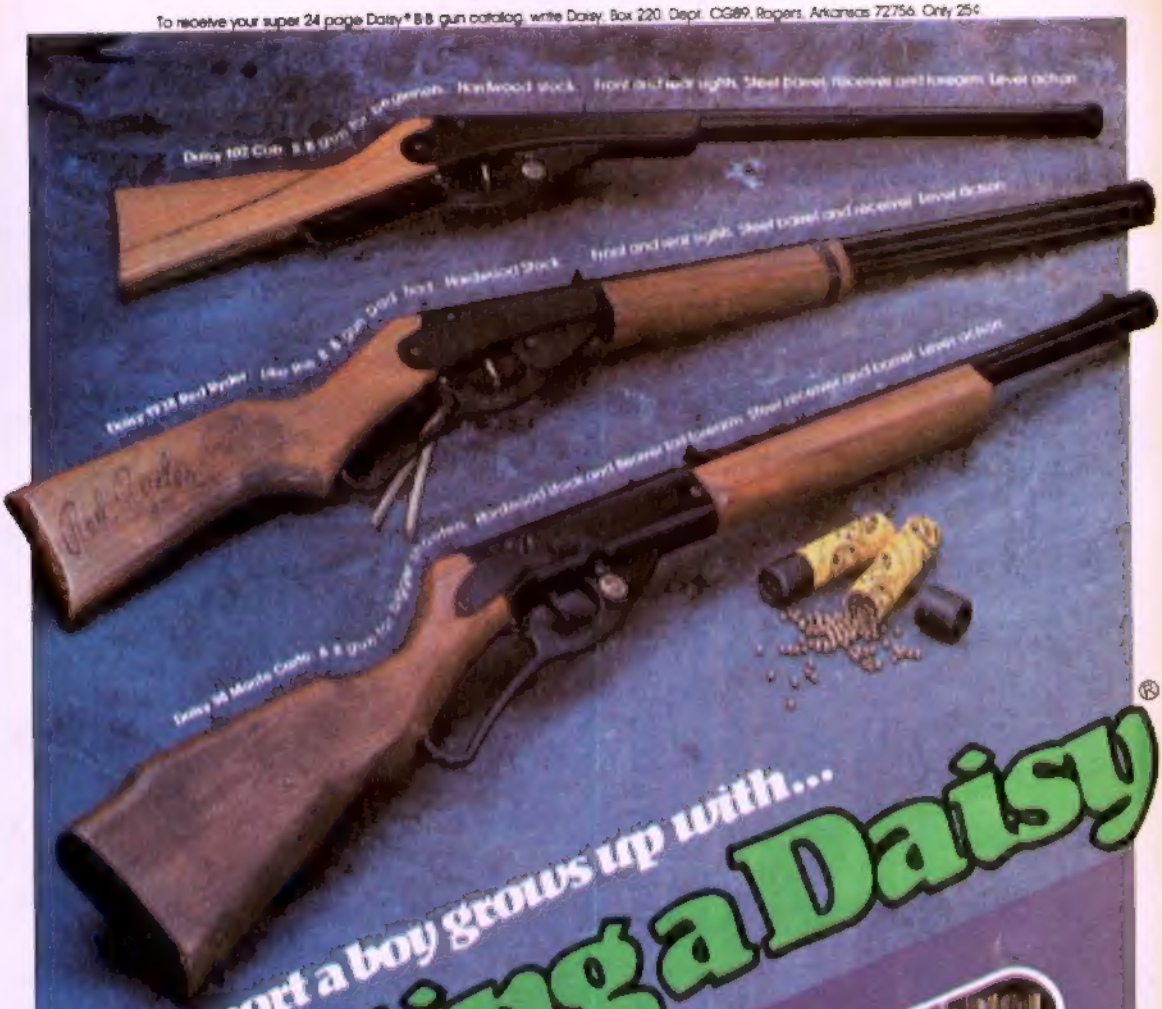

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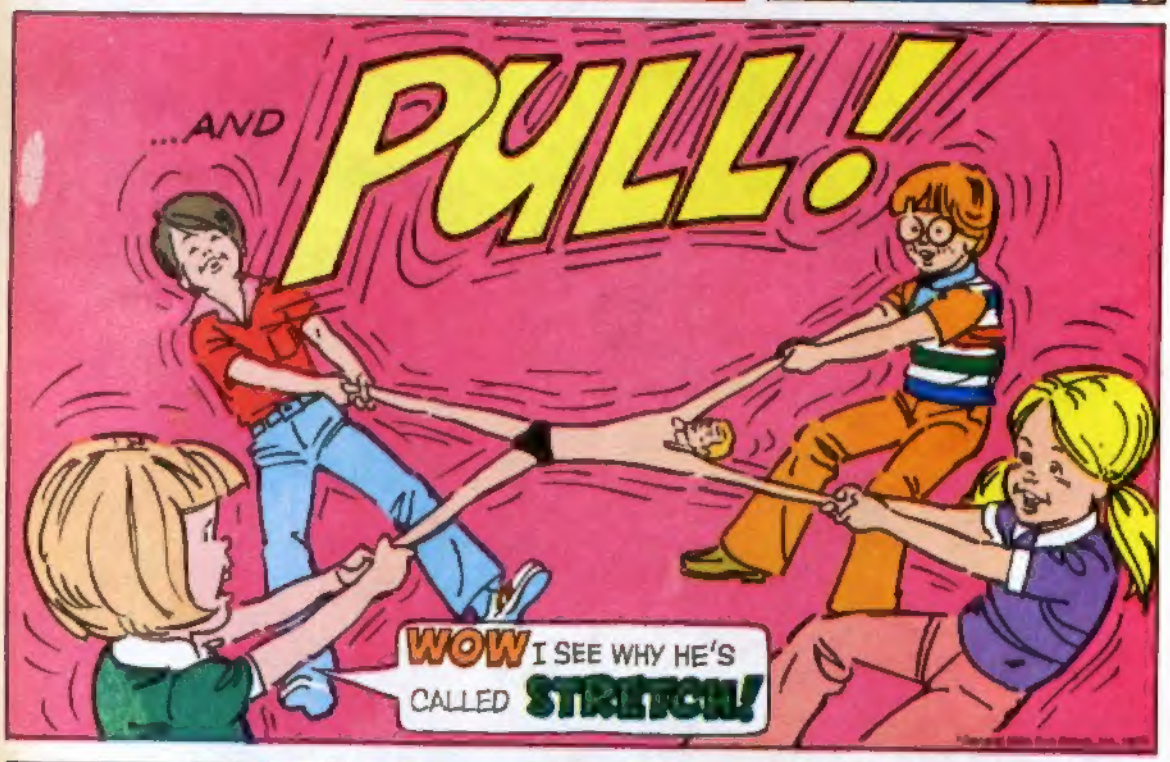

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